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COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7:30 P. M.
MONDAY, June 21, 1954.

Council met in regular session. Present 7; Battin, Bratrud, Goering, Hooker, Humiston, Perdue, Tollefson. Absent 2, Stojack, taking his seat at 8:00 P. M. and Jensen.

It was moved by Mr. Bratrud that the minutes of the previous meeting, copies of which had been mailed by the Clerk to each Councilman, be approved and the reading thereof be dispensed with. Motion seconded by Dr. Battin and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

PETITIONS:

Gay A. Tronson and E. Prentice, requesting grading, oil mat and storm sewer on South Steele Street from South 38th Street to South 40th Street. (Submitted as requested by L. I. D. Committee at hearing on L. I. D. 2194 on June 15, 1954). A report was read from the Director of Public Works advising that this petition represents 100% of the area and frontage. It was moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Battin to refer the petition to the City Attorney to draw the proper ordinance without the formality of a public hearing. Carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack. ²⁵³

COMMUNICATIONS:

Gerald G. Dixon, State Senator, protesting the proposed increase in City Light residential rates; and stating it is not necessary according to the last report on revenues, and if City light does raise the rates, it is an invitation to private power companies to do likewise. Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13937.

By JENSEN:

Approving the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract to Woodworth & Co., Inc., on their low bid of \$57,915.75 for resurfacing, widening and storm drainage on South Tacoma Avenue from South 31st Street to South 38th Street, constituting L. I. D. 4432.

Adopted on roll call June 21, 1954.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

Resolution No. 13938.

By JENSEN:

Approving the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the contract to Woodworth & Co., Inc. on its low bid of \$11,780.00 for resurfacing of Court "A" Street from South 7th Street to South 15th Street, constituting L. I. D. No. 4493.

Adopted on roll call June 21, 1954.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

Resolution No. 13939.

By JENSEN:

Approving the recommendation of the Director of Public Works and the Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding the Contract to Kendall Construction Co. on their

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low bid of \$5,673.20 for paving of alley from South 21st Street to South 23rd Street between K Street and L Street, constituting L. I. D. 4529.

Adopted on roll call June 21, 1954.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

Initial Resolution No. 13940.

BY PERDUE: L. I. D. 2107.

Stating intention of Council to order grading to the established subgrade and placing thereon a cement concrete sidewalk, together with cement concrete curbs and gutters on "A" Street from South 58th Street to South 60th Street, and fixing July 13, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Batvin, to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The Resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call June 21, 1954.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Jensen, Stojack.

Initial Resolution No. 13941.

BY PERDUE: L. I. D. 2158.

Stating intention of Council to order the grading and oil mat surfacing on East "E" Street from East 46th Street to a point approximately 150 feet north of East 48th Street; and fixing July 13, 1954 as the date for hearing thereon. Moved by Mr. Perdue, seconded by Dr. Batvin to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call June 21, 1954.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Resolution No. 13942.

BY JENSEN:

Approving recommendation of the Director of Public Works and Board of Contracts and Awards and awarding contract to Paine-Gallucci, Inc. on their low bid of \$17,781.30 (contract for grading and storm sewer on Country Club Drive from North 13th Street to Lenore Drive, Lenore Drive from North 13th Street to North 17th Street and North 17th Street from Skyline Boulevard to Mildred Street, constituting L I D 2070.)

Adopted on roll call June 21, 1954.
Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15043.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled; "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the city into districts. (ZONING ORDINANCE). by amending Section 22 thereof. (Add #42- FUEL OIL AGENCIES). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15044.

Amending Ordinance No. 14793, entitled; "An ordinance to regulate the location and use of buildings and the use of land within the City of Tacoma; to limit the height of buildings; to prescribe building areas and lines, and the size of yards and

other open spaces and for these purposes to divide the City into districts. (ZONING ORDINANCE): by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 37A. (providing that whenever zoning ordinance is amended to include in a different district, property formerly included within classified district boundaries of another district, such property shall be deemed to thereupon be deleted from such former district boundaries). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15045.

Amending Section 10 of Ordinance No. 14039 entitled: "An Ordinance providing for a retirement and pension system for superannuated and disabled officers and employees of the City of Tacoma, etc. (Prior Service Liability). Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

Ordinance No. 15046.

Approving and confirming the assessment and assessment roll certified by the Director of Utilities on the 11th day of May, 1954 for the cost of the improvement in Local Improvement District No. 5171. Read by title and placed in order of final reading.

FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 15031. (laid over to this date on June 14th).

Vacating the streets and alleys and portions thereof described as follows: 238
South 42nd Street from Tacoma and Lake City right of way to the easterly line of Clement's Second Addition except the 60 feet included therein for Madison Street; South Tyler Street from the north line of South 42nd Street to 125 feet north; Monroe Street and the alleys between Tyler and Monroe Street and between Monroe and Madison Streets, each from South 42nd Street to South 40th Street; retaining and reserving to the City of Tacoma certain easements. Read by title. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Stojack that the ordinance be amended in accordance with amendment submitted by City Attorney to give the Northern Pacific Railway Co. the right to a release of the easement reserved upon the execution and delivery by them to the City of the alternate easement agreed upon. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9. Motion carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance, as amended, was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Ordinance No. 15038. (laid over to this date on June 17th)

Amending Sections 21A and 21B of Ordinance No. 11314 entitled: "An ordinance to fix the price of and to regulate the use and manner and conditions of selling electric energy by the City of Tacoma, etc. (Electrical Rates, Residential Rates and Commercial Light and Incidental Power Rate). Read by title. A letter was read from the Director of Public Utilities, stating that his letter of June 10th inadvertently requested that Ordinance No. 15038 be postponed for final reading until June 21st, where- 247
it should have requested that this matter be put over until the 28th of June; and stating that the purpose of this postponement is to enable the board to further consider the ordinance on June 23rd, as a result of public hearing which was held. Accordingly it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Dr. Battin to postpone Ordinance No. 15038 for one week to June 28th, 1954. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 15039.

Relating to and regulating the exhibition of pictures, motion pictures, shows, theatricals, public entertainments, advertising and billboard displays; fixing 254

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fixing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for a Board of Censors; and repealing Ordinance No. 6538 and all amendments thereto. Read by title. It was moved by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9. Motion seconded by Mrs. Goering and carried unanimously on voice vote. A discussion was held regarding the duties of the Board of Censors, as it states in Section 3 "Whenever the Board discovers any violation of this ordinance, it shall promptly notify the exhibitor in writing of the portions or portions found offensive, and request the exhibitor to delete the same. If the exhibitor fails to comply with the request of the Board, the Board shall promptly report the violation to the Council." Dr. Humiston raised the question as to whether it was the duty of the City Council to determine whether or not a violation would be a public nuisance, or whether the report should be made directly to the Superior Court, as they are the final authority on matters of this nature. After some discussion by the Council, it was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Mr. Stojack to refer Ordinance No. 15039 to the City Manager and City Attorney for further study, to report back to the Council on July 6, 1954. Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Ordinance No. 15040.

Directing that in certain voting precincts of the City, registration files shall be kept open in such precincts for the registration of voters during the period commencing on Monday, July 19, 1954, and continuing through Friday, July 23, 1954, between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 9.30 P. M. at designated places and upon designated dates during said period. Moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Ordinance No. 15041.

Amending Section 1 of Ordinance No. 10918 entitled: "An ordinance relating to the local improvements in the City of Tacoma; providing for the payment of progress estimates on public improvements; and repealing Ordinance No. 9279." It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker to suspend Rule 9, and carried unanimously on voice vote. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Col. Hooker to amend Ordinance No. 15041 to provide that where expenses are chargeable against the Contractor, they shall be deducted from the final payment due said contractor. Motion carried on roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen. The Ordinance was then passed as amended without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

Col. Hooker was excused for the balance of the meeting at this time.

Ordinance No. 15042. (L. I. D. 1881)

Providing for the construction of sewers in East G Street from East 56th Street to alley between East 54th and East 55th Streets and in the alley between East 54th and East 55th Streets from East G Street to McKinley Avenue; creating Local Improvement District No. 1881. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Perdue and carried unanimously. The ordinance was then passed without having been read in full.

Roll call: Ayes 8; Nays 0; Absent 1; Jensen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Director of Public Works submitted the assessments and assessment rolls for the cost of the improvements in Local Improvement Districts Nos. 2081, 2189, 2191, 2192. It was moved by Dr. Battin that July 27th, 1954 be fixed as the date for hearing on said assessment rolls. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Hooker, Jensen.

The "Rules and Regulations for Motor Vehicle Wrecker and Towing Operator Licensees engaging in Authorized Police Towing" were presented at this time for consideration by the Council. Mr. Backstrom City Manager, presented a revision in III Rates (D) which provides that whenever a vehicle owner objects to such charges he may at the same and within five days thereafter appeal the same to the City Manager, who shall cause the same to be investigated, and after such investigation, determine such appeal as appears reasonable in view of all the circumstances. The above provision was discussed by the Council, and it was decided to lengthen the time in which an appeal may be made from five days to ten days. Therefore it was moved by Dr. Humiston, seconded by Mr. Bratrud that the time of appeal be lengthened from five days to ten days. Motion carried: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Hooker, Jensen. It was then moved by Dr. Humiston to Adopt III RATES (D) as amended. Motion seconded by Mr. Bratrud and carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Hooker, Jensen. It was moved by Mr. Bratrud, seconded by Dr. Humiston to adopt the "Rules and Regulations for Motor Vehicle Wrecker and Towing Operator Licensees Engaged in Authorized Police Towing" as amended. Carried on roll call: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Hooker, Jensen. 238

BUSINESS: RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13943.

COLLEFSON:

Waiving residential requirements set forth in Sec. 6.3 of City Charter as to J. P. Staman, for the purpose of his appointment and qualification as Director of Public Works of the City, for a period of six months from and after July 15, 1954. It was moved by Dr. Humiston, Seconded by Dr. Battin to Suspend Rule 9 and carried unanimously on voice vote. The resolution was then adopted without having been read in full.

Adopted on roll call June 21, 1954.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Hooker, Jensen.

Mr. Backstrom requested permission from the City Council to obtain an Organizational and Administrative Study of the Public Works Department as it would be of great benefit to the new Director and would bring additional savings in the operation of the Department. Mr. Backstrom advised that he had requested estimates on the cost of the survey and that a Mr. Grover, from San Francisco could make the survey in approximately two weeks at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00, while the Public Administration Service would continue on from their present survey and complete the Public Works survey in approximately one month for a charge of \$2,500.00. The latter survey, Mr. Backstrom said, would be in much greater detail than the one compiled by Mr. Grover. After a discussion of the two surveys, it was moved by Dr. Battin, seconded by Mr. Stojack that the Council informally approve the request of Mr. Backstrom to obtain an Organization and Administrative Survey of the Public Works Department to be compiled by the Public Administrative Service for a fee not in excess of \$2,500.00. Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Hooker, Jensen. 254

Resolution No. 13944.

By BRATRUD:

Requesting that the allocation of space for the General City Government in the South wing in the basic plan for the proposed new County-City Building be accepted by the County Commissioners; and directing the appropriate Council Committee to negotiate the details of terms of occupancy in the event the County Commissioners do approve this allocation of the space. It was moved by Dr. Humiston to suspend Rule 9, seconded by Mr. Stojack and carried unanimously on voice vote. The Resolution was then adopted without having been read in full. 257

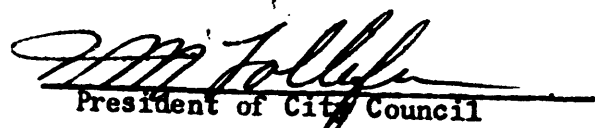
Adopted on roll call June 21, 1954.
Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2, Hooker, Jensen.

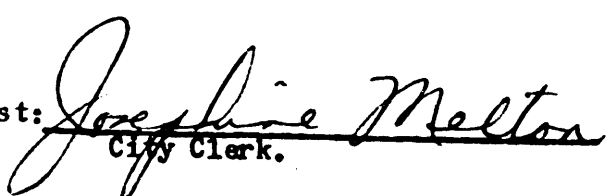
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Mayor Tollefson reported that he had received a letter from Neil S. Stewart, District Sales Manager, Western Air Lines, Inc., requesting that letters be written from the City of Tacoma, the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce, etc. to the Secretary of State and Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, urging that a new air route be started from Calgary, Alberta to Spokane, Washington and Portland, Oregon (CAB Docket 5701) and that Spokane, Washington be added as an intermediate between Seattle-Tacoma, Washington and Portland, Oregon (CAB Docket 6700). These letters should, Mr. Stewart stated, indicate that these routes are important to Tacoma and the State of Washington, and that they be included as an item in the forthcoming discussions by the State Department and Civil Aeronautics Board. Mr. Tollefson advised that letters had been written to Mr. Chan Gurney, Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board and Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, endorsing and supporting the service as outlined by the two aforementioned applications, and read the letters for the Council's approval. Dr. Battin moved that the letters be sent to Mr. Gurney and Mr. Dulles. Motion seconded by Dr. Humiston and carried on rollcall: Ayes 7; Nays 0; Absent 2; Hooker, Jensen.

Mayor Tollefson announced that a New L. I. B. Committee will have to be formed for the period from July 1, to September 30, and that he was appointing Dr. Humiston, Everett Jensen, and himself to serve on this committee.

Upon motion duly seconded and carried, Council then adjourned at 9:50 P.M.


President of City Council

Attest: 
City Clerk.